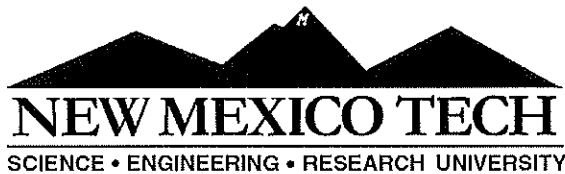


## MINUTES

The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened February 01, 2019 at 1:00 pm with Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Other Board members present were Jerry Armijo, Donald Monette and Emily Silva, with David Gonzales attendance telephonically. Other university administrators, staff and guests included the following:

Stephen Wells	Nelia Dunbar	Jose Martinez
Vanessa Grain	Bob Balch	Charles Hendrickson
Juliann Ulibarri	Tom Engler	Valentina Avramidi
Cleve McDaniel	Colleen Foster	Cheri Lerew
Doug Wells	Alex Garcia	Mark Adams
Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming	Dave Manzano	Valerie Kimble
Van Romero	Carlos Romero	

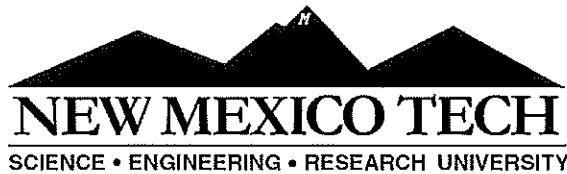
- 1. Call to Order.** Chair Peacock called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
  - a. Proof of Meeting Notice.** Ms. Grain confirmed that proper legal notice had been given. She introduced her assistant, Ms. Juliann Ulibarri, a five-year employee of NM Tech.
- 2. Approval of Agenda.** The Chair requested that item 8d) be moved under Executive Session, item 11. Regent Monette moved to approve the agenda as modified. Regent Armijo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 3. Approval of December 7, 2018 Minutes.** The Minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Monette.
- 4. Public Comment.** Ms. Lerew, speaking on behalf of a group of Socorro community individuals, expressed concern over a lack of EPA action in treating air and water contamination at the former Eagle-Picher plant, a federally designated Superfund site. The group has worked through Congressional channels to have EPA start treatment at the site.. Chair Peacock thanked Ms. Lerew for her time. NM Tech is aware of the issue and has provided university scientific and engineering expertise to assist as requested, noted President Wells. Regent Armijo noted that he and Regent Monette, through their city affiliations, have had discussions with state and federal agencies regarding the issue.
- 5. NMT 2018 Audit Presentation.** Ms. Todd reported that audit results were submitted to the N.M. State Auditor in advance of a November 2018 deadline; however, final approval was not received until January 2019. She briefly delineated the responsibilities of an external auditor and processes conducted, announcing three separate audit opinions, all classified as unmodified; i.e., clean with "passing grades."



An anonymously reported issue of transparency was deemed without merit and closed. Ms. Todd further reported that all past findings were resolved and that there were no new material findings. The audit was unanimously accepted on a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Armijo.

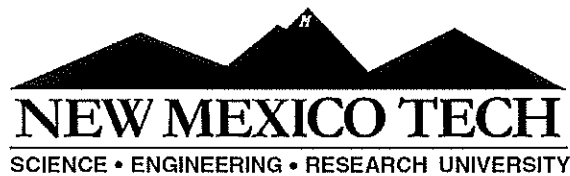
## 6. Recurring Reports.

- a) **Legislative Update.** Mr. Manzano reported that Tech's priorities are in line with budget recommendations from the Governor and LFC. The CUP supports a 5 percent compensation for employees, while the LFC recommends a 4 percent increase, which Mr. Manzano said covers less than half of Tech's Instruction and General employees. Other LFC-supported measures include endowment support, the College Affordability Act, and additional support for building and equipment renewal and replacement. Dr. Dunbar has been working to secure a \$600k budget increase for the Bureau of Geology. The request is included in HED budget recommendations; LFC has recommended a 2.5 percent increase in base formula funding. It was noted that new HED Secretary O'Neill is open to ideas, has a positive vision for higher education in the state, and understands the challenges facing institutes such as NM Tech. She is interested in economic development, especially what research-universities bring to their communities, Mr. Manzano said.
- b) **Enrollment Update.** Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming referred to month-end data showing fewer paid admissions compared with last year. Efforts continue to boost enrollment. An event set for Feb. 19 celebrating international women in STEM has garnered 60 RSVPs, a good number for a first-time offering. Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming cited statistics showing that enrollment trends in New Mexico is similar to national trends. The VP cited Institute-wide collaboration to raise enrollment, including an Enrollment Management Team implemented two years ago. The President, in noting almost twice as many applications from Native American students, pegged these areas as likely to garner enrollment.
- c) **Advancement Report.** Ms. Foster reported raising \$991k so far in FY19, below the \$1.284 million total recorded for FY18, which she attributed to a one-time outlier donation of \$500k. She was pleased to present to Regents the first annual fund-raising report, issued in response to feedback regarding improving transparency. The report is set to be published with the next issue of Gold Pan. President Wells agreed that transparency is an important issue in fund-raising, especially among alumni.
- d) **Capital Project Update.** Dr. McDaniel reported that NM Tech has hired a contractor for the Jones Hall remodel, and continues to search for savings in bringing the project down to within the required 10 percent of the original estimated cost. Following sale of the building in Albuquerque last October, he continues to work with VP Jaramillo-Fleming to secure rental space in the downtown sector of the city for staff in that building. A contractor has been hired to demolish the structure at 818 Leroy in Socorro, a health and liability risk. The site will be razed and fenced,



with a late-March completion date. To accommodate the remodel of Brown Hall, current plans are to move its occupants to West Hall, following HVAC and utility upgrades to the residence Hall. Regent Residence hall occupancy has averaged 85 percent over the past several years, noted Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming, adding that the third floor of South Hall is empty and could be used if higher enrollment warrants. The President commended Dr. McDaniel and his team for investing funds in permanent buildings, not for temporary trailers.

- e) **Faculty Senate Report.** Dr. Engler had no report, but said he will have one for the March meeting, as the Faculty Senate is discussing policies.
  - a. **Bureau of Geology Update.** Dr. Dunbar reported filling four vacant positions, which now splits Bureau employees 50/50 between men and women, the largest agency with this composition. She announced federal funding through federal program 3DEEP, administered by the USGS, which is working on obtaining \$5 million per year for 10 years. A portion of these funds would be available to all state surveys through a competitive grant proposal process. A \$600k budget increase request to the Legislature would enable the Bureau to fill open positions in returning the division to its healthiest level since 2008. Dr. Dunbar noted that Feb. 19 is N.M. Bureau of Geology/NM Tech/Earth Science Day at the Roundhouse, and that she was invited to join the National Research Council's Earth Sciences Resources, an entity on which President Wells once served. Dr. Dunbar recently ended a very successful season in volcanic research in Antarctica as part of a six-person team, four of whom were from NM Tech.
- f) **MRO Snow Update.** As part of his report, VP Romero showed photographs of effects from the Dec. 30-31, 2018 snowstorm at the site of the MRO, noting that it took crews 21 days to unearth a grader that had slipped off the road. Even with open access, the road is still dangerous, he said, adding that the situation raises the point for year-round road maintenance to Langmuir Lab and MRO's 4-meter telescope and interferometer. The VP announced that telescopes two and three will arrive in April and May of 2020. Two telescopes form an interferometer that can create a fringe pattern. A third telescope will provide resolution equivalent to taking motion pictures of objects in the galaxy. It was noted that the road belongs to the Forest Service. Dr. Romero noted that at one time, recreation and timbering were deemed priority uses in the Cibola National Forest. An Act of Congress has since designated scientific exploration as the key priority.
- g) **President's Report.** President Wells reviewed for Regents a schematic of the layout for the President's Residence, incorporating the current house into the current residence, retaining the pool and casita. Plans are to use the current President's Residence by Advancement and Alumni Relations. The Raul and Shari Deju University House will employ an open floor plan for its primary purpose as an entertainment center for fund-raising, with appropriate interior design to last decades. As part of his presentation, the President identified current situations and



future trends regarding alumni organizations, outlining three models for governance – independent, interdependent and dependent. Since the early 2000s, the trend has moved away from the independent model in efforts to professionalize alumni organizations, due to generational changes in attitudes, costs, and declining memberships. Another national trend noted was the challenge of integrating alumni associations and foundations, the President noted.

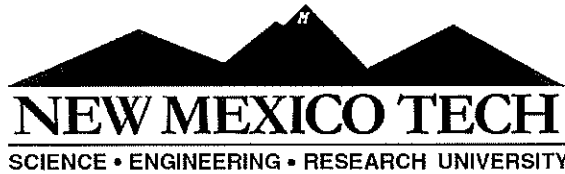
- h) **Other.** Dr. Wells reported that the Governor signed an Executive Order creating the N.M. Climate Change Task Force in accordance with the Paris Agreement.

#### 7. Information Items.

- a. **Degree Conferrals for November 2018.** Information in Regents' packets.
- b. **Comprehensive Capital Campaign Presentation.** Ms. Foster presented highlights from a feasibility study conducted by the CCS consulting firm regarding a comprehensive capital campaign to raise \$71.3 million over a 10-year period. The capability is there, she said, although not everything on the University's needs-list resonated with the 65 individuals interviewed by consultants. Included in their recommendations were to hire additional key Advancement staff, to hone in on internal practices and to better communicate with constituents. To be successful, the campaign needs buy-in from the Regents and Foundation Board of Directors. The report emphasized building budget capacity into Advancement, and to align Blueprint 2027 with fund-raising goals, noted President Wells. If the University did nothing outside of current activities, it would still raise \$40 million, Regent Armijo said. Citing wide buy-in, he expressed confidence that the goal can be reached. During discussion, it was noted that NM Tech needs to build a stronger culture of giving. The President recommended an event for April with a general audience and both boards, to highlight the University vision and achievements.

#### 8. Action Items.

- a. **Financial Analysis for December 31, 2018.** Dr. McDaniel reported year-to-year activity for the first half of FY19 covering I&G revenues. He also reported year-to-date activity related to transfers and expenditures; RSPSs, cost centers and other areas. Regent Armijo moved to approve the financial analysis. Regent Monette seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- a. **Quarterly Certification.** Dr. McDaniel requested certification approval, with no concerns to report. Regent Monette moved for approval. Regent Silva seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- b. **Property Resolutions #190201-01 and #190201-02.** Regents unanimously approved the resolutions on a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Armijo.



9. **Individual Board Member Comments.** The Chair commended Regent Silva for representing students well, offered congratulations on her recent marriage, and presented her with a gift from the Board. Regent Silva called her Board service an honor and a learning experience. Regent Armijo noted the recent passing of former state Sen. Kiki Saavedra, a longtime supporter of NM Tech; a memorial resolution will offer condolences to family and recognize his achievements.
10. **New Business.** President Wells, citing a recent memorial resolution honoring Holm Bursum III for his community contributions, noted that the annual Founder's Club dinner will employ a western theme in homage to Mr. Bursum, who always considered himself a cowboy. The next Board meeting will be March 1, 2019 in Santa Fe.
11. **Executive Session.** NBMSA 1978, Sec. 10-15-1(H)(2), (If required to Consider Legal and/or Personnel Matters). On a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Armijo, the Board unanimously adjourned its regular session at 3:19 pm to meet in executive session under a roll-call vote conducted by Ms. Grain.
12. **Reconvene in open session and take final action, if any, on such limited legal and/or personnel matters which shall be acted upon in open session following conclusion of the closed session.** The meeting reconvened at 3:58 pm with the Chair announcing that no action had been taken, and only items so specified were discussed.
13. **Adjournment.** The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:59 pm on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Silva.



**President**

Attest:



**Secretary- Treasurer**